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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 34292

SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
– ACQUISITION EXEMPTION –  
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

Decided: April 25, 2003

On December 4, 2002, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), a noncarrier, filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire approximately 14.88 route miles of a Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) railroad right-of-way and certain related improvements known as the WP Milpitas Line located in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties, CA. Notice of the exemption was served by the Board and published in the Federal Register on December 26, 2002 (67 FR 78859). On December 31, 2002, VTA filed a motion to dismiss its notice of exemption.

On April 22, 2003, VTA filed a request for Board permission to withdraw its pending motion to dismiss. The request will be granted.

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. VTA's request for permission to withdraw its motion to dismiss is granted.
2. This decision is effective on its date of service.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary